

City of Leslie

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Happy Holidays!

Greetings!

Welcome to the City of Leslie electronic newsletter.

We will be using this newsletter to keep you up to date on what is happening in Leslie. Your e-mail has been added to our database as an interested community member. If you do not wish to receive the newsletter, please see the bottom of this newsletter for the unsubscribe link.

We are interested in your feedback. Over the coming weeks and months our format and content will evolve to provide the best product for you. We will keep you up-to-date on the latest important news and events in the City of Leslie.

Please let us know how we can improve this newsletter by e-mailing us at reedb@cityofleslie.org.

We hope you enjoy our efforts! Thank you!



Leslie Annual Lighted Christmas Parade

The Leslie Annual Lighted Christmas Parade will take place on Saturday December 13th. The parade annually draws thousands of people to Leslie. This year, Main Street will be closed to traffic beginning at 4:30pm and lasting throughout the parade. Parade watchers will not be able to park on Main Street during the parade.

In addition to the parade, there will be many activities throughout the Downtown:

- Several Downtown Businesses will be open late
- Visit with Santa at Denomme's Accounting from 5pm-6:50pm
- Parade line up at Felpausch at 6 pm (floats do not need to pre-register)
- The Victorian Carolers and the high school choir will be downtown around 6
- There will be a tree lighting ceremony at 6 at the gazebo in Tuttle Park
- Dustin James, Kaitlyn Yarger, and Richard Marks will each perform a song at 6:30 PM to preview the benefit show to take place after the parade
- The parade will start at 7 PM
- The Mission of Hope Cancer Fund is holding a benefit show at the Leslie Event Center after the parade at 8 PM

In order to ensure the safety of all participants, the throwing of candy from floats will not be allowed. If you would like to hand out candy, you must have someone walk along the parade route to hand it directly to those watching the parade.

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Open House for Dotte Weideman



In October Vyrna "Dotte" Weideman announced her retirement effective January 9, 2009. Dotte began working for the City in October of 1975. Throughout her years, many things have changed including Mayors and Councils, but Dotte has remained the constant at City Hall.

The City will celebrate 33 years of outstanding service by Dotte Weideman on January 6, from 3pm to 5pm. The open house will be held at City Hall at 107 E. Bellevue.

Please come out to wish Dotte well in her retirement. The community owes Dotte a debt of gratitude for the years of service that she has provided for so many years. Her humor, dedication, and immense institutional knowledge and memory will be extremely missed!

Winter Salting - Roads

Some may remember that last year many cities in Michigan including Leslie ran out of salt. What that means is the supplier will not send anymore salt because we exceeded our contracted quantity due to the unusually harsh winter. This year Leslie did increase our contract quantity by 50 tons, but we have to be very cautious because we are obligated to take a certain percentage of that salt and if we have a mild winter we may have to pay for more than we need. On top of the availability issues we also must deal with the fact that salt prices increased approximately 35% from last year. These cost increases are because of last winter's snowstorms, this year's hurricanes and floods, and the increase in fuel costs. Municipalities all around the North are taking steps to stretch their supplies.

With all of that in mind we will keep the city streets as safe as possible while also being conservative with our available resources. Main streets (Main, Mill, Bellevue) will always be scraped and salted along with the steep hills. The side streets will be scraped but only intersections will be salted unless extreme conditions exists. Please drive cautiously and leave yourself plenty of room to stop. Also please try to keep parked vehicles off the streets during snow events it will help the snow plows clear the streets more efficiently.

Don Vickers Leaving as Economic Development Coordinator

At the end of 2008, Don Vickers the Economic Development Coordinator for Leslie, will be leaving his post. However, Vickers will not be far away as he will be representing Leslie on the Ingham County Board of Commissioners. Throughout his tenure, Don has acted as a liaison between the City and Businesses and worked to promote economic growth in the area. The City will look forward to working with Don as a County Commissioner.

Another Newspaper in Leslie



publications.

The Weekly Pride is now providing coverage in Leslie. Jeremy Killinger is the publisher and his paper covers news in Leslie, Stockbridge, and Dansville. The Weekly Pride is dropped in several locations throughout town every Tuesday. The Weekly Pride is also available on-line at:

<http://www.theweeklypride.com/>. You may contact The Weekly Pride at 888-318-1766. The Weekly Pride and the Leslie Weekly Guardian currently give Leslie two newspapers serving our City and we appreciate the efforts of these two fine

Fire Department Wins Grant

The Leslie Fire Department has won a grant to buy new turnout gear for all of its firefighters and an industrial size washing machine to wash fire equipment. The grant is in the amount of approximately \$52,000. More details will follow.

Leslie Chamber Ribbon Cutting

The Leslie Chamber will sponsor a ribbon cutting at two businesses on Friday, December 12th at 4:00pm:

- Heather's Hair Design
- Mid-Michigan Mechanical

Pam Beegle
D.K. Beyer
Randy Fox
Shelly Motes
John Stewart

Congratulations to the Leslie Football and Ladies Cross Country Teams on Successful Seasons!

Congratulations to Leslie Athletes who have excelled over the last year including:

All-State Football:
Aaron Antcliff
Trent Page

All-State Cross Country:
Anna Rudd
Audrey Tremaine
Gareth Gose

Wrestling State Champion Div 4:
Cody Dunn

Generator for Tornado Siren

The City in partnership with the LDFA has purchased a high power portable Generator to help protect the City in case of power failure. The generator will be wired to power the Tornado Siren, Sanitary lift stations, and water wells in case of emergency. Currently there is no backup power for the Tornado Siren or Sanitary lift stations. The City does have backup power to its water wells through a permanent generator on site.

Please join us at these future ribbon cuttings and show your support for Leslie businesses.

American Legion to host Steak Dinner - Friday December 12th.

Friday the American Legion Riders Leslie Post 491 will host a steak dinner from 6pm to 830pm. The event will be \$10 which will include a steak dinner with potatoes and dessert. The American Legion is a nonprofit and is raising funds for community charities. The steak dinner will allow the Legion to donate to Christmas families.

Parking at Woodworth Elementary

The parking signs at Woodworth Elementary were changed more than a month ago. The parking regulations were changed to not allow any stopping or parking along Pennsylvania St. between Baggerly and Race Streets between the hours of 5:00am and 8:30am. Only buses may use this area to drop off students. Drivers who do not obey the signs will be ticketed.

These new rules and enforcement have resulted in a considerably safer atmosphere for everyone. Thank you for your cooperation as we put our children's safety first.

City Overnight Parking Rules

As winter approaches, residents are reminded that there is no parking on any City streets from 3am to 5am by City Ordinance. Your cooperation greatly helps City workers keep streets clear of snow. Those leaving automobiles in the street will be ticketed.

Upcoming Events In Leslie

For information on any of these events, please call 517-589-8236.

- Chamber Ribbon Cutting (Heather's Hair Design, Mid-Michigan Mechanical) - December 12th at 4:00am
- American Legion Steak Dinner - December 12th at 6:00pm
- Annual Lighted Christmas Parade - December 13, 2008 (Events to begin at 5pm and Parade to begin at 7pm).
- Open House to honor Dotte Weideman - January 6, 2009 - City Hall, 3pm to 5pm
- City Council Meeting - January 6, 2009, 7:00pm

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